

VALEDICTORIAN SELECTION (REGULATION)

The honor of high school valedictorian will be based upon the following criteria, beginning with the graduating class of 2024:

- A. Student(s) must have attended Piedmont High School for their entire senior year.
- B. Grading scale based on 4.0 for high school classes and 5.0 for Advanced Placement (AP), concurrent classes, and advanced placement classes from career tech, as listed on item E.
- C. Only GPA for core classes (math, science, English language arts, and social studies) will be factored into the decision.
- D. Complete all non-AP/concurrent course work earning no grade less than an “A” each semester.
- E. Complete a minimum of eight (8) of the following classes, earning a grade of no less than a “B” each semester:
 1. Advanced Placement (AP) classes;
 2. Concurrent classes;
 3. Pre-Engineering STEM Academy (Canadian Valley Technology): Accelerated Chemistry, Accelerated
 4. Physics, AP Calculus BC, AP Physics C - Mechanics, and AP Physics C - Electricity and Magnetism;
 5. Biomedical Courses (Canadian Valley Technology): Accelerated Chemistry, AP Chemistry, Anatomy
 6. and Physiology, AP Statistics, and AP Biology.

The honor of Valedictorian of Distinction will be given to the Valedictorian with the highest GPA. The Valedictorian of Distinction will speak at the graduation ceremony. In the event of a tie, the students will be recognized as Valedictorians of Distinction and both will speak at the graduation ceremony. All other valedictorians will be recognized in the graduation program and will wear district-approved valedictorian regalia at the graduation ceremony.

There will be no salutatorian(s).

Beginning with the Graduating Class of 2028, the following courses will be weighted as follows:

- 4.0 - Traditional High School courses
- 4.5 - Accelerated, Concurrent, and Dual Credit (for high school and college credit) courses
- 5.0 - Advanced Placement courses, and classes from career tech, as listed on item E

Implementation of these weights will begin in the Class of 2028 freshman year.